

# ILEA BUDAPEST

## U.S. Department of State Gift Fund Initiative (GFI)



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### **What is the Gift Fund Initiative?**

Private industry associations are now able to donate to a special "Gift Fund" at the U.S. Department of State (DOS), which is managed by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL), to train foreign law enforcement officials. Training funded by private industry, and delivered by active duty federal law enforcement officers, in cooperation with private sector experts, is designed to assist corporations in reducing financial losses that occur as the result of criminal activity outside the U.S. Specifically, GFI funding is aimed at providing training to foreign law enforcement officials in countries where enforcement of laws that protect U.S. corporate interests is perceived as inadequate.

### **To Assist Corporations in Reducing Financial Loss**

The Gift Fund Initiative (GFI) enables private industry an opportunity to reach an audience of active duty foreign law enforcement officials responsible for enforcing laws that can benefit U.S. corporations. The training of foreign law enforcement officials by U.S. federal law enforcement agencies increases the opportunity for operational cooperation with programs established around the world.

#### **ILEA and the Gift Fund Initiative**

The International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) Budapest is funded by the U.S. Department of State (DOS), Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL). Since 1995, ILEA Budapest has trained more than 12,000 law enforcement officials. In December 2007, DOS provided all of the approvals, and processes, by which private funding may be utilized for training international law enforcement officials at ILEA Budapest. The ILEA Budapest proposal has also been approved for implementation world-wide. U.S. Government funding for training of foreign law enforcement is typically reserved for higher priority training, such as counterterrorism, organized crime, drug trafficking, and human smuggling, leaving less funding available for training in areas of specific concern to the private sector, such as Intellectual Property rights (IPR).



The Gift Fund Initiative was developed to provide a mechanism whereby private industry and the Federal Government could team-up in areas of mutual benefit. An awareness presentation of the new GFI program has been provided to the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) and private industry associations.



## How the GFI Works at ILEA Budapest to Benefit the Private Sector

In short the GFI concept; 1) identifies the countries where U.S. corporations are experiencing specific financial loss as a result of criminal activity, 2) invites law enforcement officials from those countries to participate in training to combat that specific crime, 3) makes all of the arrangements for participants and instructors from U.S. law enforcement agencies to travel to Budapest, and 4) coordinates participation from U.S. corporate representatives along with the U.S. law enforcement officials who will provide the bulk of the instruction.



### Training Costs

The costs associated with training at ILEA Budapest are based on a per student/per day amount, which includes lodging, meals, and training materials. Interpretation can be provided in any language(s) required for a course, up to a maximum of three languages per class. Travel costs will vary depending on the countries attending. Law enforcement officials from any country in the world can be invited, however, ILEA Budapest traditionally covers training of law enforcement officials from throughout the EU, Central Europe, as well as Russia and Central Asia.



ILEA was established in 1995 at a former mounted police training facility as the result of a bi-lateral agreement between the U.S. and Hungary. The main focus is an eight-week Law Enforcement Executive Development course and one and two-week specialized courses.



ILEA Budapest can host training for up to 50 students in regular classrooms, or up to 100 in the ILEA auditorium. ILEA Budapest works with INL and the ILEA steering committee to coordinate instructors from U.S. law enforcement agencies (FBI, CBP, ICE.etc.) to travel to Budapest to conduct the course, with input welcomed from U.S. corporate representatives. Costs for instructor travel will vary based on numbers of instructors, distance and duration of course. Cost estimates for sponsoring a course are available upon request. ILEA Budapest looks forward to working with the private sector in this collaborative effort.

